

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

In response the Office Action dated May 28, 2003, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 4 and 31 and has cancelled Claims 2, 6, 32 and 38 in order to more clearly define over the prior art of record. These amendments are based on allowed claims in Applicants' prior U.S. Patent 6,595,420 B1.

Applicants reserve right to file continuation or divisional applications on the cancelled Claims.

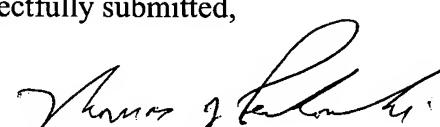
In order to avoid any future basis for rejection of the amended Claims under the judicially-created obviousness-type double-patent rejection (based on the claims of U.S. Patent 6,595,420) Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b), for consideration and entry by the Examiner.

In view, therefore, of the Amendment and remarks set forth above, the present invention defined by amended Claims is firmly believed to be neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account 16-1340. Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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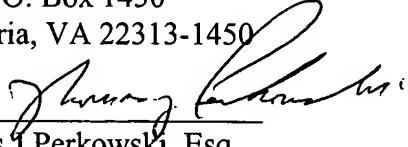


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